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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 15, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 15, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0116.C1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the **Specification** begin on page 2.

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the **Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.